

# JOINT MEETINGS FOR A BELL

Leave to Present the Disused Flat-bush Fire Bell to the Church of the Holy Cross.

herwise the Fine Old Relic Would Be Disposed of by the Severely Practical City Fathers of Brooklyn.

The City Fathers of Brooklyn are asked to be sentimental, and it remains to be seen whether they will rise to the occasion. They are asked to fling their practical minds into a mood befitting the consideration of an emotional question entirely dissociated from dollars and cents and estimates and contracts and sewers and street lamps.

This question concerns a bell—the old bell of the Flatbush Volunteer Fire Department. It hangs in the tower of the building that was the Flatbush Town Hall, and is now the Grand Street Police Court station house. For four years its voice has not been heard, but it would seem that the bell's fate has not been forgotten.

Flatbush is a part of Brooklyn, and such, naturally, was the fate of the bell. Now, the councilmen of Brooklyn have begun to discover with a Troy man's eye that the bell is a relic of a bygone era, and in a recent report for a new bell to be hung in the tower of the City Hall, and in order to save an economical councilman, an elegant inscription that the useless well-forgotten Flatbush bell might be handed over to the Troy man in part payment for the City Hall bell. This old relic was \$2,500 when it was new, and it is in good condition. The manufacturer would have been glad to get it, and the deal nearly went through.

But the veteran volunteer firemen have sprung into the breach and made the issue a sentimental one. They say that the old bell is dear to them—that in the old days, when they "ran with the machine," its brazen notes called them on to fight fire and to face death. They say that its tones recall the memories of dead comrades. They ask the Board of Aldermen to enter into their feelings in this matter and to spare the bell for the sake of its associations.

They go further than this, these sentimentalists. Not only do they wish the old bell to be preserved, but they wish to hear its voice again. To that end they desire that it should be presented to a church, that in its old age its notes should call to peace and praise instead of to strife and tumult. And they have found a pastor who needs a bell, who would be delighted to have the old fire bell, and would treat it with the distinguished consideration due to one of its honorable associations and venerable age. It is in the belfry of the Church of the Holy Cross, of which the Rev. John Woods is pastor, and the veterans desire to see their loved relic hung.

In a petition to the Common Council, signed by members of all the volunteer companies of Flatbush, these facts are set forth, and it is pointed out that the bell was originally presented to Flatbush because of the efforts of the firemen themselves.

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Not Longer Able to Run Down and Capture Wheelmen. Captain Theodore Wickes, alias "Fatty," who constitutes the police force of Babylon, L. I., is in danger of losing his job. Not as soon as a lean, swift man, capable of overhauling a bicyclist on foot, shows up the personnel of the Babylon force will undergo a complete change.

Captain Wickes is too wide for the position, and the President of the village is on the lookout for a new force. The chief duty of Babylon's solitary policeman is to keep wheelmen off the sidewalks. But the man in pursuit he comes up an alley and the death is completely baffled. On a clear morning Wickes cannot make more than a mile and a half an hour. The wheelmen know this, and they simply overrun the weakling in defiance of law and order.

Wickes has informed the police force to turn down or look for another man. One of this order Captain Wickes, however, has realized that he was carrying too much weight, and tried to reduce. Turkish baths did no good. "Fatty" starved himself for weeks, but he only took on more flesh. Meanwhile the wheelmen grew bolder and bolder, until now they actually ride rings around Officer Wickes when he tries to catch them.

In view of efficient service before he grew so fat, the friends of Captain Wickes are pleading with the President for one more chance. They have a scheme to reduce "Fatty" and promise to have him down to weight in a few weeks. As a suitable thin man has not yet applied, "Fatty" may retain the position.

**BURGLAR FOUND IN A CELLAR.** Policeman Scanlon Finds an Ex-Convict in a Brooklyn Basement.

Detective Scanlon looked into the produce store of Alonzo Walton, at No. 207 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning and was startled to see a human figure that appeared to be resting on the floor.

The head vanished and Scanlon heard a trap door close with a bang. Then he went down into the cellar, and there he found a man who had been in the cell for three years and a half years for burglary about fifteen years ago. Police Justice Teall held him for trial.

**HANNA'S NAMESAKE IN JAIL.** Said He Was the Senator's Nephew When Arrested, Then Denied It.

Robert Hanna was sent to jail for five days for intoxication by Justice Teall in the Myrtle Avenue Police Court, Brooklyn, yesterday morning.

Myrtle avenue, Hanna said he was a nephew of Senator Mark Hanna. As he looked like the big Republican, the police believed him, but in court yesterday morning he said that he was not related to McKinley's campaign manager in any way.

**Williamsburg Happenings.** A thief got into the flat of ex-Superintendent George W. Anderson at No. 22 Driggs avenue, yesterday morning during the absence of Anderson's wife on an errand, and while Mrs. Anderson was asleep, stole \$250 from his vest on a chair near the sleeping man. When Mrs. Anderson returned to her flat she passed a stranger in the hall who was released after he had been to have been the thief.

Police Justice Lemon yesterday remanded for a hearing on a charge of burglary James E. Eke, arrested at No. 27 Powers street, and Abe Harrison, twenty-one years, who lives at No. 69 Broadway. They were caught in the grocery store of Joseph Schumacher at No. 62 Withers street early yesterday morning by Sergeant Groves.

Dr. George Mahr, of No. 88 Wilson street, yesterday received word of the death of a two-year-old son of Michael Hanehan, the captain and part owner of the "Coke" hotel, No. 100 Columbia. The boy was moved to the Wallabout Creek, and on Tuesday, according to the captain's story to Dr. Mahr, the child got possession of a bottle containing an arsenic solution and swallowed some of it. The boy died in great agony yesterday.

Albert N. Vanderhook, of No. 35 Greenbush avenue, yesterday, in the Even Street Police Court, accused William McKee, the conductor of a trolley car of the Lottier McKee line, of assault. Vanderhook saw McKee, it is alleged, strike a small boy, McKee got angry because Vanderhook interfered, and it is alleged struck Vanderhook. McKee denied the allegation.

J. W. Miller, of No. 122 South Third street, was before Justice Kramer in the Flatbush Police Court yesterday for striking Charles C. Brooks, of No. 225 East Tenth street, New York. Miller objected to Brooks' presence in his home and family, and Brooks declared that he visited the family at Mrs. Miller's instigation. Miller was released under a suspension of sentence.

## MULLERSHAVED A CORPSE

Relatives Refused to Pay and the Barber Brought Suit for His Bill of \$4.25.

Invoking the aid of the law to collect a bill of \$4.25 for shaving one corpse is the somewhat unique departure of William Muller, who owns a barber's shop at No. 1445 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. Shaving dead men is not Mr. Muller's specialty, but when he does a job of that character he insists on having his pay. So the barber brought suit against Mrs. Andrew James, of No. 485 Kinkerbocker avenue, and secured judgment for \$3. The lady says she will pay the bill out of respect for the dead boy, but she still thinks the price exorbitant.

Some time ago the seventeen-year-old son of Mrs. James died of typhoid malaria. He had never shaved in his life, but the friends of the departed youth argued that the remains would be much improved by a clean shave. Mrs. James finally consented, and the boys called in William Muller. The barber brought along a new set of tools and did a very neat and artistic job, considering the fact that the corpse had no beard. Then Muller sent in his bill.

Mrs. James refused to pay and the barber carried his case to Justice Van Wart.

"Isn't \$4.25 rather steep for one shave?" queried the Justice.

"I don't know," replied William Muller. "Indertakers charge \$5 for such cases. Besides, look at the contagious nature of the disease. My patrons object to me shaving corpses, and I have to buy a new razor and brush for the operation. There is some risk in shaving dead men, and that keeps the price up."

After listening to Mr. Muller's story the court gave judgment for \$3, as the barber had added the cost of the summons to his bill.

**WOULDN'T IMPRISON HUSBAND.** Justice Dickey Refused to Send a Sick Man to Jail.

Lawyer H. F. Lawrence asked Justice Dickey to punish Alfred L. Smith for contempt in failing to pay \$50 counsel fee in Catherine Smith's suit for separation. The motion was made in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, yesterday. Lawyer Clark said Smith was in poor health and that his wife had sworn she was without means when she had \$800 in the bank.

"I won't put this man in jail when his wife has \$800," said the Justice.

"We know nothing of that," said Lawyer Lawrence.

"I'll give you a day to find out," said the Justice.

**SOUGHT DR. HOUGHTON'S AID.** A Westfield Couple Married at the Little Church Around the Corner.

Even the fame of the "Little Church Around the Corner" as a place for quiet and unexpected weddings has reached the prosaic town of Westfield, N. J., and on

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## SPANISH SOCIETY THERE.

Reception at Montclair to Manuel Camacho and His Bride, Whom He Married by Proxy.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel De Tornos, on Forest Street, Montclair, N. J., was the scene last night of a brilliant reception tendered to Manuel Camacho, the Assistant Consul to the Spanish Legation in New York, and his young bride, who was Miss Louisa Carreno, daughter of a former Governor of Cadiz, Spain.

The couple, as a bridey told, were married by proxy on July 26 last, while the bride was in Spain and he in this country. The bride a few days after her marriage came to this country to join her husband, whom she had not seen for over a year.

After receiving the congratulations of the visitors, who included many of the nobility in Spanish circles, the guests were entertained with musical selections and several Spanish dances by Miss Rosario Vellido, who came across with Mrs. Camacho.

**PROFESSOR BLAKE TO GO.** Newark's Board of Education Will Be Asked to Indorse the Vote Taken by the Commissioners.

If the Newark Board of Education at its meeting to-morrow night follows the recommendation of its Committee on Normal Training and High Schools, the position of Professor Kestel B. Blake, a teacher in the High School, will be declared vacant, and John H. Safford, a teacher in Adelphi Academy, in Brooklyn, will be selected to fill the place.

The conclusion to oust Mr. Blake was reached at a meeting of the Normal Training and High Schools Committee Tuesday night. The meeting was held behind closed doors in the office of School Superintendent Gilbert, and immediately after it had been called to order a report of Principal Hoyer, of the High School, setting forth that Blake was laxity of discipline in Mr. Blake's management of his class, was presented.

Principal Hoyer, Dr. Mr. Blake also appeared in person and was questioned by the Commissioners. There was considerable animosity shown in the matter by the members of the Board.

When Superintendent Gilbert was summoned he said he had visited Mr. Blake's class on three occasions and each time had found it in the condition described by Principal Hoyer. He felt that he could form no adequate idea of Mr. Blake's methods in three visits of about fifteen minutes each.

Dr. McGinness then moved that the action of the committee in calling for Mr. Blake's resignation be rescinded. This motion was lost, as was also one to extend the term of probation to three months. The teacher's term of probation was extended to three months, and Mr. Blake also appeared in person and was questioned by the Commissioners. There was considerable animosity shown in the matter by the members of the Board.

**SAY THERE WAS NO ACCIDENT.** Brooklyn Trolley Road Makes a Strange Answer in a Damage Suit.

On the evening of June 25 last George Cole, a druggist, of Eleventh street, Brooklyn, was a passenger on one of the Smith Street Railway Company cars. He claims that while getting off the car at Fourth avenue and Ninth street he fell, injuring his leg, and he has begun suit against the railroad company for \$50,000 damages, through Lawyer George C. Coffin.

The railroad company has been trying to settle the matter out of court, but the efforts have failed. Now the company puts forth what it claims to be strange facts.

It says that Cole spoke to no one of the accident, not even the conductor, and that a thorough investigation proves that none of the passengers knew anything of the accident.

**TOOK 20 PIECES FROM SKULL.** Heroic Operation, However, May Not Save the Injured Lad.

As a result of an accident, young Gus Stackwell, the twenty-year-old son of George Stackwell of Sayville, L. I., lies at the point of death with a fractured skull. He received his injuries to-day while trying to do work only fit for an able-bodied man—that of driving a street scraper, to which four horses were attached.

Coming down railroad avenue in that village the scraper collided with a fire hydrant with such force as to throw the boy over the front. His head struck against the sharp end of the whiffletree, which came down on his forehead, and drove the street he was driving for nearly half a block by the horses before they were stopped.

An accommodating policeman at last located Shields in and he was locked up in the First Precinct Station. When he had slept off the effects he told the Judge that he was very sorry that he had acted in a manner unbecoming an evangelist, but the Magistrate thought that he had had \$10 worth of fun and charged him accordingly.

Shields didn't have the money and went back to the cell, where he is waiting for some good Samaritan to bail him out. Meanwhile Mrs. Shields is carrying on a camp meeting and holding up her husband as a horrible example of the evil effect of too much beer.

**Mother and Child Buried Together.** Mrs. Florence Elke and her three-year-old daughter Florence, who were so terribly burned on Saturday, and both of whom died from their injuries on Sunday, were buried yesterday afternoon from their late home, No. 211 Shippen street, Westchester.

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A pretty society wedding occurred at the residence of Mrs. E. D. Williams, last night, when her daughter, Effie, Sherwood Williams, was united in marriage to Benjamin Finch Corry, both of Douglaston, L. I., at the residence of the bride's mother.

The interior of the house was decorated with flags and flowers. The ceremony was performed by Mr. E. D. Williams, of Douglaston, N. Y., Charles Corry, a brother of the bride, officiated in the capacity of best man. The bride, Miss Corry, was maid of honor. The bride and bridegroom wore white dresses. The wedding guests numbered about two hundred. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Corry started on a visit to the leading cities of the South.

**HOME FOR WOMEN WORKERS.** It Will Be Opened in Plainfield Next Month and Is Non-Sectarian.

An institution will be established on the first of next month in Plainfield under the direction of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the refuge of women without a home, though it will be non-sectarian.

**SNAKE SWALLOWED ITS ENTIRE BROOD.** Fortu-Four Young Reptiles Were Found Alive When the Mother's Body Was Cut Open.

dog snarling and snapping at an immense snake that lay coiled ready to spring. Men carried a heavy box, with which he dealt the snake blow after blow until he had killed it. He dragged it to the open roadway, and, noting its immense size and the fact that it was a female, he cut it open, and, to his surprise, found four young snakes, each about a foot long, curled up in the mother's body. The young snakes were measured and weighed, and each was found to be a full-grown snake. Many people from all over the village went to look at the wonderful sight. The mother snake measured nearly five feet in length.

**DANGER IN STREET CONDUITS.** Pavement Blown Up and a Man Overcome by Gas.

An electric wire, owned by the Citizens' Electric Light Company, was torn up by an explosion of gas at the corner of Alabama and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, and a shower of paving stones, after having ascended to a considerable height, fell in all directions. The explosion caused a good deal of excitement, but no one was injured. A hole ten feet wide was made in the street.

Edward G. Limb, twenty-six years old, of No. 270 Fourteenth street, was repairing telegraph wires in a manhole at the corner of Sixth and Flatbush avenues, Brooklyn, yesterday, when he was overcome by gas. He was removed in an unconscious condition to the Seney Hospital.

**Two Brooklyn Roads Combine.** The amalgamation of the De Kalb avenue and Smith street trolley lines, Brooklyn, which, it is claimed, is practically a sale, goes into effect on September 1. It is said that the greater part of the stock has

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